

M3 Project

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Business award

EVERYONE at the M3 Project is delighted that our charity has been nominated for a **Rossendale Business Award**.

The awards' ceremony, organised by Valley at Work, will be held in Whitworth in November and we have also been invited to run a fundraising raffle at the event.

Meet the team



Emma

I WORK specifically with the householders and am there to support them with whatever needs they may have.

I arrange meetings for the householders and organise training on a wide range of topics.

Before working at M3, I was studying for a degree in alcohol and substance misuse and volunteering with substance misuse service Inspire. My spare time is taken up caring for my children.

Family project funding secure

WE ARE delighted to announce that the M3 Project has been successful in securing continued funding for our Teenage Family Project.

Changes in the tendering system for the Supporting People Service, administered by Lancashire County Council, meant that any provider could bid to run the project.

Project Manager Alan Dorrington said: "We are delighted to have secured the funding to continue with our vital Teenage Family Project.

"During 2015 we have supported 15 families through this scheme and helped those young people who came to us in very difficult circumstances to

get back on their feet and build a secure future for themselves and their family. The work we do is very specialised and I am not aware of many, if any, similar projects around the country, however the changes in the tendering process meant that the contract was open to applications from anywhere in the UK."

Becoming homeless is traumatic for any young person, but when the young person is pregnant or has a young child they find themselves in a terrifying situation.

As well as helping teenage families find a home, the M3 Project also provides furniture and support so that the young family can prepare to live independently.

Here is Chloe's story.

"Me and my mum were not getting on and I was also pregnant so I needed to find somewhere.

"I was sofa surfing and staying at friends' houses and I couldn't wait to get a place of my own. I went on the Internet and did some research and found the M3 Project.

"Joanne came and spoke to me and said that I was eligible but at the time there were no free places. I wanted to



get a house before my baby was born.

"She came back two weeks later and said that a girl was moving on and I could have a house in eight weeks.

"I suffer with anxiety and because I was moving my anxiety

started to get worse and I explained to Joanne I needed somewhere near to my mum to help me and she managed to find a house just five streets away.

"I was able to get in my house in July and my daughter Kyla

was born in September. "When I got the keys I was excited and nervous because I had never lived alone.

"I am very grateful to the M3 Project for helping me and Joanne was really helpful."

So what is M3?

M3 is a specialist charity that offers a variety of accommodation services to homeless young people aged 16-25.

Accommodation is provided throughout Pennine Lancashire in Rossendale, Burnley, Pendle and Hyndburn using supported lodgings as well as independent supported properties.

From our office base in Rawtenstall, we offer up to 12 supported long-term places and four emergency places.

We also run a teenage family project across East Lancashire.

Watch out for our Christmas Campaign – more details in next issue.

Thank you

A BIG thank you to Longholme Methodist Church in Rawtenstall who raised money for M3 by auctioning food donated for Harvest.

On December 11, Shoppers in Asda Rawtenstall will be entertained by carol singers from Rossendale Methodist Circuit and the money donated will also benefit M3.

M3 facts

SINCE January 2015 we have had 85 referrals to all of our projects.

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